

## FOR THE FARMER.

**Raising Horses For Farm Use—Ingredients of Stimulant Fertilizers—Salicylic Acid.**

Besides raising horses for market it might be wise for breeders to consider the right kind of horse to raise for the farmer, says E. P. Smith in the Boston Cultivator. There are hundreds of thousands of horses used on the farms of this country, and this number must be increased in part every year. The farmer is really the greatest factor in the horse market today, and a little consideration of his needs is necessary. In the past, old, worn-out, sore footed horses have gone to the farms, and because of their cheap price many farmers bought them. But there are no more war horses to pick up cheap, and farmers are looking for good, serviceable horses peculiarly adapted to their work.

Strength is not the sole requisite in a farm horse. The true farmer's horse is one equally serviceable in dragging the plow and trotting to market with a light wagon. The farm horse should thus be a cross between the draft and road horse. Courage, determination and quickness in taking hold of loads are very important qualities in this kind of horse. An animal weighing 1,500 pounds with these good qualities will often be more serviceable than the team that weighs hundreds of pounds more. A quick, steady walker is very essential. Did you ever stop to compute how many days' work you could save in plowing a field with a quick walking horse? The animal that gets over the ground rapidly saves time and money to the owner. A slow walker is poorer for farm work than a slow trotter, and the time lost thereby is much greater.

Farm horses should have good lung power and good feet and legs, the latter in spite of the old idea that sore footed car horses would do for the farm. It is foolish to think that sore feet are not a very great disadvantage. The horse must have a soft, yielding purchase in the soil, and sore feet will reduce his pulling powers considerably. Inherited sore feet are worse than those acquired, for no amount of care will then cure them. The Morgan horse possesses the qualities that are desirable for good farm teams, but there are others that answer the purpose very well. The farmer who attempts to raise colts for his use should be careful to select good breeding horses that will produce progeny of a desirable nature. Very often the farmer can raise his own horses better than some professional breeder, unless the latter gives special attention to the needs of the farmer.

### Stimulant Fertilizers.

The materials used as stimulant fertilizers are lime, salt and plaster. The real object in liming soils is to correct some physical condition, says The National Stockman and Farmer. If land is too heavy, a dose of about 40 bushels of slacked lime will lighten it. If too light, a similar application tends to make it more compact. If sour, as a result of turning under green crops, or from other causes, the action of the air slaked lime will be to sweeten the soil. A dose of lime about once in every five or six years will be sufficient.

Plaster is a form of lime often used, though its action in lightening the soil, making it more compact, or sweetening it is less powerful than that of slaked lime. Hence the value of plaster lies principally in its property of making available some other plant food, notably potash, which may already exist in the soil. It is therefore not an economical as slaked lime, because the latter will serve both purposes enumerated.

The continued use of stimulant fertilizers will eventually exhaust the soil of its natural fertility; hence it is poor economy to apply them continuously. It has been said that stimulant manures "enrich the father, but impoverish the son." This is literally true, as has been demonstrated in the case of clovers. Clovers will appropriate all the potash and phosphoric acid which may be liberated to them by lime or plaster. Continued cultivation on these lines has been known to exhaust the two ingredients mentioned and to make the lands clover sick.

### Sex in Sheep.

Experiments in controlling the sex among sheep have reached such a stage in France that the experimenters have reached the conclusion that this can be done to an appreciable extent. The rule seems to be that to produce the most males in a flock the ewes must be bred to rams over 4 years old, the average of observance in such cases being 53 males to 35 females. When yearling rams were used with ewes ranging from 2 to 4 years, the average was but 25 males to 70 females. Yearling rams, it has also been found in experiments carried on in this country, but without the careful observation exercised in France, nearly always produce an excess of females, and the older rams, particularly those above 4 years, an excess of males.—Philadelphia Times.

### Salicylic Acid in Milk.

Dr. Henry Leffman of Philadelphia, a prominent chemist of that city, recently stated that many diseases of infants, which occur during the summer months, may be induced by the use of

such milk containing acids which contain salicylic acid. He stated that the drug had an enormous and increasing sale and that several farms are being put upon the market. Speaking of the artificial form used by brewers in the preparation of bottled beer, he thought it poisonous and that its sale should be prohibited by law. In Trenton recently, salicylic acid in milk caused the death of several children.—Medical Times.

## STAGE GLINTS.

Clyde Fitch, after a brief journey in Italy, is now in Paris.

Mme. Refane is to act in Paris in an adaptation of Pinero's "The Gay Lord Quex."

Mrs. Langtry has definitely decided to return to the stage. She will be her own manager and use a society melodrama.

To get even with the music halls where dramatic sketches are presented, the managers of the London theaters threaten to permit smoking.

The gross receipts of the music halls and theaters of Paris for the past year amounted to \$9,228,107, an excess of \$70,636 over the receipts of the previous year.

When Sardon is composing, it is said he shouts every sentence aloud as he dashes it on the paper and raves, whines, laughs, according to the emotions he depicts.

Ernest Hogan, the negro singer and composer, heads a party of 25 black and yellow boys that has started for a tour of Australia, China, Japan, Manila and thence to the Paris exposition.

James A. Herne will stage the production of Israel Zangwill's "Children of the Ghetto," which will be given its first presentation at the National theater in Washington early in September. Mr. Herne's starring season will begin later.

Sidney Drew and his wife, Gladys Rankin Drew, have been playing in vaudeville in New York, employing a sketch, "Diana of the Chase," which they used previously as a means of introducing themselves to the London music halls.

B. P. Cheney, Julia Arthur's husband, has had a new steam yacht built which he has christened the Jule. He will use it for his daily trips between The Brewsters, where he has his summer home, and Boston. At the launching Julia Arthur christened the vessel in traditional style.

## THE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

Pilatus, 2:00 1/4, is nearly to an edge, recently going a mile in 2:12, last half in 1:05.

The old mile track at Niagara Falls is to be rejuvenated and racing held thereon.

In the 2:30 pace at Hartford there were seven starters, five of which were bopples.

George H. Roedel, Foster's Meadow, N. Y., will put King Chimes to pacing next year.

The gray gelding Chelsea, who won the 2:12 pace at Dover N. H., is going without the strap.

Nick Hubinger has decided to retire. Genie Hastings from the turf and thus be rid of all worry about her in the future.

Ondray, the bay stallion that won the three minute trot and pace at Lancaster, is by Pedlar, out of Helen Houghton, 2:23 1/2, by Happy Medium.

In the sixth and final heat of the 2:17 trot at the Hartford meeting the black mare Directia, by Direct, broke down and will likely never be seen on the turf again.

When the bay pacing horse Hal B stepped the second heat of the 2:30 pace in 2:07 1/4 at Windsor, he not only set a new track record, but reduced his own from 2:30 1/2.

Demarest wore a green cap and jacket when he won the 2:04 pace at Hartford with Prince Alert, and at the close of the race the band played "Wearing of the Green."

Speaking about speed enthusiasts, G. W. Bird, Tacoma, recently brought his black pacer Davis Boy, 2:19 1/4, away across the continent to drive him on the New York speedway.

The excellent showing of Glory, 2:10 1/4, at Dover, N. H., brings to mind that his dam, Harebell, was the first Maine bred trotter to take so low a record as 2:45 1/4 as a 2-year-old.—Horseman.

### Bicycles on Warships.

Nearly every man-of-war has from one to 50 bicycles aboard, and the officers and men derive much enjoyment from them when they are fortunate enough to be in port with shore leave. The officers of several European battleships stationed at Plothen, Greece, have built a bicycle track, getting the surface in the cinders from the ships.

### Hills and Habits.

A grim humorist says it depends very much on what kind of a life you have led what becomes of you if you coast down hills without a brake.

### A Misunderstanding.

Miss Chase, that sporting widow who got the brush today has been in at the death a good many times.

Miss Hunt—Yes, and each of them left her a fortune.—Brooklyn Life.

## SELECTIONS

### A MAN OF NERVE.

**Doctors Sewed Up His Head While He Slept—Comfortably.**

Otto Gilbert, a round headed, hard faced marine fireman, who would rather have his head than the best mind in the world, went to the Fitch hospital a few days ago. After surveying the waiting room, scrutinizing the surgeons and nurses, and peering into the operating room, he spoke:

"If dere's any yew wud time on yer han's, I'd like yew to take a reef in this cut in the head," said he.

The surgeons smiled Gilbert into the operating room, and one of them took a bandage from the fireman's head and looked at the cut. It was as deep as it could be and extended about three inches along his brow, over the left eye.

"How'd you get this?" he was asked. "If me memory's right, a guy hit me wud a beer glass down here in a saloon."

The cut was washed, and the stitching outfit was produced.

"It'll hurt some," said one of the surgeons. "Can you stand it?"

"Can I what? Well, any time I can't stand a little kiddin like this you write to the president about it. Will you do that?"

The surgeon smiled, knowing well that a liberal amount of pain would accompany the sewing up of the injury. Gilbert looked disgusted.

Two stitches were put in the cut, and about five remained to be put in. Gilbert had not even winced.

"Doesn't hurt at all, does it?" asked one of the surgeons sarcastically. "Can't feel it. How long you goin to be?"

"Oh, some time." "Well, it's like this. I've got to work tonight, an I need some sleep. I'll take a nap while you are sewin the thing."

Again the surgeons smiled. Gilbert closed his eyes, and the needle pricked through one side of the gash and picked up the incised flesh on the opposite side. The average person would have whimpered at that. Gilbert was perfectly quiet. The doctor paused a few moments later and noted that Gilbert was breathing regularly. The stitching went on, the wound was washed, and a bandage was put over it. Still Gilbert was quiet.

That a man could fall asleep during so painful an operation seemed incredible, and the surgeons were that Gilbert was really in the stupor of unconsciousness. He was not to be wakened. The surgeons concluded to let Gilbert have his way. Having nothing else to do just then, they watched the fireman. Tiring of that after a half hour, they went to the office and returned every few minutes to see if the man was still quiet. The fireman's head was bent forward, and he was snoring mildly. At the end of an hour and a quarter, being fully convinced that Gilbert was really sleeping, the surgeons shook him. Lifting his head, Gilbert asked sleepily: "All through?"

Being told that the operation was at an end, Gilbert departed, leaving the surgeons marveling at the remarkable exhibition of nerve.—Buffalo Express.

### Salary and Pension.

A policeman of the city force is drawing from the department a pension and a salary also. Some years ago he was retired on half pay, and, being still vigorous, secured employment as a policeman in the town of New Utrecht. He became sergeant of the small squad there, and soon Brooklyn annexed the town, and he gained a place on the Brooklyn force. Then, in the course of events, Brooklyn was annexed, and thus he came back into the department from which he had retired, expecting to draw \$2,000 per annum as a sergeant on the retired list. The New York commissioners thereupon stripped his pension, and the case was taken into court. Now a decision has been given in favor of the policeman, the supreme court holding that upon his retirement he had a right to accept any honorable employment and that he must not be made to suffer for subsequent events in the history of the cities concerned.—New York Letter.

### Cured by Lightning.

A remarkable freak of lightning has just occurred here when a sudden shock restored to its old time vigor the left arm of Eli Forbes, which had been useless for 13 years on account of rheumatism. While he was sitting at the window a thunder shower came up, and with it were two sharp flashes of lightning. With one of the tremendous crashes Mr. Forbes felt a sharp prickling of his flesh and tingling in his bones, and with a jerk his left arm shot violently forward from its cramped position. The shock was over in a flash, and Mr. Forbes felt his left arm bristle with vitality and tingle with vigor. To his delight he found he could use his arm as well as ever.—East Brookfield (Mass.) Letter in Philadelphia Item.

### Must Go to the Landlord.

According to a decision just handed down here, a landlord can evict his tenant to come to his office and pay

his rent. He need not hunt up the tenant and ask, "How about that little matter?" but can sit down and secure judgment against him. A landlord telephoned his tenant last January and asked him to come around with the rent, but the tenant said, "Come and get it." More words passed, with the result that both engaged lawyers. It has just been decided in the landlord's favor, and it cost the tenant \$200 to find this out.—New York Letter.

## PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

As the time when a Britisher will again try to wrest from the United States the American cup draws nigh the interest in the affair increases. Can Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock outtail the Columbia and take the cup away from this country? Patriotic Ameri-



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cans are sure she cannot, and we hope the contest in September will prove that judgment waits on patriotism. To the enterprise and public spirit of C. Oliver Iselin is largely due the fact that we are to be represented by such a splendid craft as the Columbia in the coming race. Mr. Iselin is the principal figure in the syndicate which built the American boat and is known as the managing owner. He was also the chief owner of the Defender, which so fully defended the right to her name in the race with the Valkyrie in 1935.

### "The Sage of White Hall."

General Cassius M. Clay, ex-minister to Russia and known far and wide as "The Sage of White Hall," is almost totally blind. To the Kentucky L. A. W., which called upon him in a body, he stated that his sight was so impaired that he could not distinguish man from woman. Not only this, but he is so feeble that when he left his mansion and went out into his yard to welcome the visitors he was compelled to lean upon the arm of an attendant. His fine old baronial mansion, now falling into decay, in the upper story of which bees have built their lives and immense lard and a home, is invested with the same mystery as of yore and as mysteriously guarded, as when the vendetta threatened him. The general was not slow in notifying his visitors that they could inspect his grounds all they desired, but would not be allowed to enter his castle. His divorced child wife Dora is living with her soldier husband at Pinkard, Woodford county, and the neighbors say she never visits White Hall now.

### Will Nurse in the Philippines.

Miss Annie Early Wheeler, daughter of General Joe Wheeler, whose heroic services as a nurse in Cuba made her almost as famous as her father, will again take up the work of caring for wounded American boys, this time in the Philippines. At the close of the



MISS ANNIE EARLY WHEELER.

Cuban war Miss Wheeler began a course of special training in St. Luke's hospital, New York, simply for love of the work in which she had rendered such service in Cuban hospitals. It has been her ambition for months to be sent to Manila as a nurse, and now that ambition is to be realized, and in the realization the sick and wounded in the hospitals at Manila will be more than pleased.

### Paul Kruger's New Monument.

Mr. Kruger is to be sculptured large for Pretoria. The pedestal of the monument on a big scale is of Aberdeen granite and has been constructed in Aberdeen and dispatched to its destination. It was ordered by a committee of Transvaal patriots who desire to commemorate the presidency of Mr. Kruger. The height of the monument

is upward of 60 feet, and the base courses cover 40 square yards. There are two lower base courses, and above are several rectangular dies which will bear inscriptions, the text of which is not known outside Pretoria official circles. A colossal bronze of Kruger will surmount the structure.

### A Skillful Artist.

E. C. Larrabee of Salem, Mass., has just completed a picture of President McKinley which is composed of 20 different kinds of wood skillfully inlaid, the woods used coming from Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands and other places with which the administration is identified. The portrait is to be presented to the president by its maker through Congressman Moody. It is a good likeness and the work is very cleverly done. No less than ten pieces of wood are inlaid in the button on the coat alone.

When winter comes the vital forces of nature are low, and the tree stands like



a solitary monument to the dead summer. In the winter of life, active men experience a similar lowering of vitality. In some the effect is starting. They loose their grip on life. They seem like monuments of a buried past. At this crisis there is need of a medicine which will nourish and build up the body, and increase its vital power. Such a medicine is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It enriches the blood, purifies it, carries off the clogging waste of the system, increases the nutrition of the body, and produces a sound, healthy condition with abundant vital power and physical energy.

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### A Fee Strangely Earned.

The man reached the big apartment house in which he lived at 2 a. m. A search of all his pockets failed to bring forth his bunch of keys. He rang the bell repeatedly for the janitor, but could get no response. He was exceedingly tired; there was no hotel in the neighborhood; besides, there were family reasons why it was inadvisable for him to spend the rest of the night away from home. The sight of a physician's night bell gave him an idea. He pushed the button hard for 30 seconds or more. In due season the physician came to the door and opened it.

"What is your fee for night calls?" asked the locked out individual.

"Four dollars," was the astonished reply.

"All right, here you are. I was locked out and couldn't get in. Sorry to trouble you." And he began his wondrous march up stairs, happy in the thought of the evils he had escaped.—New York Tribune.

### Concealment.

"How did the burglars happen to miss your jewels?"

"Only yesterday morning something told me they were not safe in the tomato can in the cellar, where I usually kept them, and I had accordingly concealed them in a jewel case in my room."—Detroit Journal.

### Appalling a Poet.

The Beauty—I've had lots of poems written to me, but I have only kept those that were humorous.

The Poet (tenderly)—And why did you not keep the serious ones?

"Oh, because they were ridiculous!"—Brooklyn Life.

### His Remerk.

Miss Sharp—Claudia made such an interesting remark last night.

Miss Short—What did he say?

Miss Sharp—He told me he would be compelled to leave at 10 o'clock.—Cleveland Leader.